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for

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OBTAINING DIGITAL SIGNATURES

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. Specification (total pages 29) including:
 - a. 7 pages of claims (39 claims)
 - b. 1 page Abstract
2. 11 sheets of informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-10)
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4. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
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6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

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7. An assignment of the invention to _____ (cover sheet & document(s))
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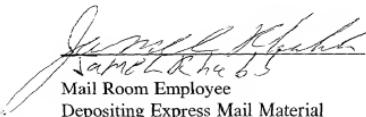
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